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In re Patent Application of

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For: GENES ENCODING PROTEINS
REGULATING THE pH OF
VACUOLES

Group Art Unit: To be assigned

Examiner: To be assigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend
the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 15, with the following:

-- [The present invention also provides a plant in which said gene or said vector
has been introduced or a progeny thereof having the same property as said plant, or a tissue
thereof.--

[Kindly replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 19, with the following:]

-- The present invention also provides a cut flower of the above plant or a
progeny thereof.--